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HEALTH INSURNACE COVERAGE FOR POOR
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the need for conducting an in-depth study on health insurance coverage for the poor people in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b): The need for adequate provision of health services to the poor people in the country cannot be over-emphasized. Presently this is taken care of through different schemes and programmes of the State and Central Governments.In addition, schemes for health insurance are also offered by insurance companies which are available to everyone. The insurance companies have from time to time conducted surveys to identify the health insurance requirements of the people. There is no fresh proposal to conduct any in-depth study on health insurance coverage for the poor people in the country.